## House Resolution No. 2221

Whereas, as the 2006-2007 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Neelyville R-IV School District is losing a valuable member of its administration on June 30, 2007, with the retirement of Superintendent of Schools Larry Graves who has devoted several years of his life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator and administrator; and

Whereas, Larry Graves has worked for twenty-seven years at Neelyville R-IV, where he is held in high esteem for his overall competence and successful leadership; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Larry Graves has touched the lives of countless youngsters by helping them form a solid educational foundation upon which to build in the future; and

Whereas, Larry Graves has watched his pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge he has imparted to them both as an administrator and as a friend; and

Whereas, so many young Missourians have left the classrooms of Neelyville R-IV fully prepared to face the challenges ahead as a result of the outstanding professional endeavors of Larry Graves; and

**Whereas**, Larry Graves has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Jannette Graves; his children, Sherry, Crystal, Lawrence, and Elizabeth; and his grandchildren, Lori, Luke, Lauren, Mark, Logan, Shawna, and Lawon:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Neelyville R-IV School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Larry Graves has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that he so justly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Larry Graves, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by	
	Representative Thomas Todd
	District No. 163
	Representative Mike Dethrow
	District No. 153

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2221, adopted April 18, 2007.